

**Notice of Allowability**

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09/911,023

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/27/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,4,6,9,10,12,15,16,18 and 19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20050729.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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***Remarks***

Claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 18, and 19 are pending.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

#### In The Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method as set forth in claim 4, wherein said correlating step comprises at least the step of:

assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to inherit the parent-node context value.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of controlling access by a parent node to child nodes in a DOM tree corresponding to a data file, comprising the steps of:

assigning a parent-node context-value to said parent node, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

assigning a child-node context-value to each of said child nodes, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

correlating one or more of said child nodes to said parent node, said correlating step comprising at least assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to be the same as the parent-node context value; and

permitting access by said parent node only to said correlated child nodes;

wherein each of said parent node and said child nodes is assigned a name, said name being stored as character information in the data file, and wherein each of the

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names assigned to said child nodes is encrypted at the time it is assigned, and wherein said step of permitting access comprises at least the step of:

decrypting the names of each correlated child node.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method as set forth in claim 4, wherein each of said child nodes is assigned a child-node context-value which is unique with respect to the child-node context-value of all other child nodes, and wherein only one of said child nodes is correlated to said parent node, said correlating step comprising at least the step of:

assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child-node to be the same as the parent-node context-value.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 10, wherein said means for correlating comprises at least:

means for assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to inherit the parent-node context value

10. (Previously Presented) A system for controlling access by a parent node to child nodes in a DOM tree corresponding to a data file, comprising:

means for assigning a parent-node context-value to said parent node, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

means for assigning a child-node context-value to each of said child nodes, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

means for correlating one or more of said child nodes to said parent node, wherein said means for correlating comprises at least means for assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to be the same as the parent-node context value; and

means for permitting access by said parent node only to said correlated child nodes;

wherein each of said parent node and said child nodes is assigned a name, said name being stored as character information in the data file, and wherein each of the names assigned to said child nodes is encrypted at the time it is assigned, and wherein said means for permitting access comprises at least:

means for decrypting the names of each correlated child node.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 10, wherein each of said child nodes is assigned a child-node context-value which is unique with respect to

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the child-node context-value of all other child nodes, and wherein only one of said child nodes is correlated to said parent node, said means for correlating comprising at least:

means for assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child-node to be the same as the parent-node context-value.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A computer program product as set forth in claim 16, wherein said computer-readable program code configured to correlate one or more of said child nodes to said parent node comprises at least:

computer-readable program code configured to assign the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to inherit the parent-node context value.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer program product for controlling access by a parent node to child nodes in a DOM tree corresponding to a data file, comprising:

computer-readable program code embodied in a computer-readable storage medium, said computer-readable program code comprising:

computer-readable program code configured to assign a parent-node context-value to said parent node, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

computer-readable program code configured to assign a child-node context-value to each of said child nodes, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

computer-readable program code configured to correlate one or more of said child nodes to said parent node, wherein said computer-readable program code configured to correlate one or more of said child nodes to said parent node comprises at least computer-readable program code configured to assign the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to be the same as the parent-node context value; and

computer-readable program code configured to permit access by said parent node only to said correlated child nodes;

wherein each of said parent node and said child nodes is assigned a name, said name being stored as character information in the data file, and wherein each of the names assigned to said child nodes is encrypted at the time it is assigned, and wherein said computer readable program code configured to permit access by said parent node only to said correlated child nodes comprises at least:

computer-readable program code configured to decrypt the names of each correlated child node.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A computer program product as set forth in claim 16, wherein each of said child nodes is assigned a child-node context-value which is unique with respect to the child-node context-value of all other child nodes, and wherein only one of said child nodes is correlated to said parent node, said computer-readable program code configured to correlate one or more of said child nodes to said parent node comprising at least:

computer-readable program code configured to assign the child-node context-value of said correlated child-node to be the same as the parent-node context-value.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of controlling access by a parent node to child nodes in a DOM tree corresponding to a data file, comprising the steps of:

assigning a parent-node context-value to said parent node, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

assigning a child-node context-value to each of said child nodes, said parent-node context-value being stored as character information in the data file;

assigning each of said parent node and said child nodes a respective name;

encrypting each of said respective names;

storing said encrypted respective names as character information in the data file,

correlating one or more of said child nodes to said parent node by assigning the child-node context-value of said correlated child nodes to be the same as the parent-node context value; and



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permitting access by said parent node only to said correlated child nodes, said  
permitting access including decrypting the names of each correlated child node.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art discloses a method for controlling access by a parent node to child nodes in a DOM tree via correlation of context values and permitting the parent node to only access those child nodes that have a correlated context value, and encryption/decryption of the names of the child nodes within a DTD (document type definition), but does not disclose encryption and decryption of the names of the child nodes within the character information of the data file (XML document).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey D. Popham whose telephone number is (571)-272-7215. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571)272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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